

ment, commending them that they had employed
 their time so
 well, and spent it on necessary affairs, save only
 that in some
 things they had spent more time than was needed
 , but she
 perceived some men did it more for their own
 satisfaction than
 the necessity of the thing deserved

She misliked also that such irreverence was
 shown towards
 Privy Councillors (who were not to be accounted
 as common
 knights and burgesses of the House that were but
 councillors
 during the Parliament), whereas the others were
 standing
 councillors, and for their wisdom and great
 service were called
 the Council of State

Then he said that the Queen's Majesty had
 heard that some
 men in the case of great necessity and grant of aid
 had seemed not
 to regard their country and made their necessity
 more than it
 was, forgetting the urgent necessity of the time
 and dangers that
 were now eminent

Her Majesty would not have the people feared
 with reports
 of great dangers but rather to be encouraged
 with boldness
 against the enemies of the State And therefore
 she charged
 and commanded that the mustered companies in
 every county
 should be supplied if they were decayed and that
 their pro-
 visions of armour and ammunition should be
 better than here-
 tofore it had been used

For this offer of three subsidies her Majesty
 most graciously
 in all kindness thanketh her subjects, but except
 it were freely
 and willingly given she did not accept it, for her
 Majesty never
 accepteth anything that is not freely given

If the coffers of her Majesty's treasure were not
 empty or if
 the revenues of the Crown and other Princely
 ornaments could
 suffice to supply her wants and the charges of the
 Realm, in the
 word of a Prince she did pronounce it, she would

not now have
charged her subjects nor accepted of this they
gave her

The Lord Keeper's Speech being ended, after
some inter-
mission, the Queen herself, sitting in her chair of
State, spoke to
the two Houses

* This Kingdom hath had many wise, noble and
victorious
Princes I will not compare with any of them in
wisdom,
fortitude or any other virtues, but saving the duty
of a child that
is not to compare with his father, in love, care,
sincerity and